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JOURNEY TO THE World in the Moon, &c.

By the Author of The True-born English-man.

Having liv'd a great while in a Country where abundance of Castles are daily built in the Air, at last getting to the top of the highest of 'em, by a strange and sudden Accident; one Day as I was Gazing about, in order to find out some new Discovery, I fell down directly upon the *World in the Moon*, where meeting with an Old Man of that Countrey, I desired him to shew me some of the Choicest of their Rarities: Upon which he shewed me a very fine perspective Glass, telling me, I might see by that Glass what was Transacted, and now Transacting in our own World; with that I turn'd it towards a strange Countrey first, and then towards the rest of *Europe*.

To begin with a strange Countrey, I saw plainly an *E-----* shut up, and 20000 Mourning Families selling their *Coaches, Horses, Whores, Equipages, &c.* for Bread; the Government standing by, laughing and looking on: Hard by, I saw the Chamber of a great City shut up, and 40000 *Orphans* turn'd a Drift in the World; some had no Cloaths, some had no Shoes, some no Money; and the City Magistrats calling upon other *Orphans* to pay their Mo-

ney in. These things put me in mind of the Prophet *Ezekiel*, and methought I heard the same Voice that spoke to him calling me, Saying, *Come hither, and will shew thee greater Abominations than these*: So looking still on that vast Map by the help of the Glass, I saw huge Fleets hired for *Transport-Services*, but never paid; vast Taxes anticipated that were never collected, and appropriated, but misapply'd; Millions of Tallies struck to be discounted, and the Poor paying 40 per cent. to receive their Money. I saw huge Quantities of Monies drawn in, and little or none issued out; vast Prizes taken from the Enemy, and then taken away again at home by Friends; Ships sav'd on the Sea, and sunk in the Prize-Offices; Merchants escaping from Enemies at Sea, and Pirated by *Sham Embargoes, Counterfeit Claims, Confiscations, &c.* ashore. There we saw *Turkey Fleets* taken into Convoys and guarded to the very Mouth of the Enemy, and then abandon'd for their better Security.

II. Here we saw the State of the War among Nations; here was the *French* giving them Thanks for Victories they never got, and some body else Addressing, and

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 congratulating the Sublime Glory of running away: Here was *Te Deum* for the Stories of Land; and there was Thanksgivings for the same by Sea: Here we might see two Armies fight, both run away, and both come home and thank GOD for nothing; here we saw the Plan of a War, like that in *Ireland*: There was the Officers cursing a Dutch General, because the damn'd Rogue would fight and spoil a good War, that with the decent management and good Husbandry might have been seek't out this twenty Years; here was whole Armies hunting two cows to one *Irish* Man, and driving of sack Cattle declared the Noble end of War. Here was Millions of Contributions raised, and vast Sums collected, but Taxes lessen'd; whole Plate Fleets surpris'd, but no Treasure found; vast Sums lost by Enemies, yet never found by friends; Ships loaded with volatile Silver that came away full, and got home empty; whole Voyages to beat Nobody, and Plunder every body; two Millions robb'd from the honest Merchant, and not a Groat paid for the honest Subjects: There were twenty Captains lifting Men with the Government's Money, and letting them go gain for their own; Ships fitted out at the rate of two Millions a Year, to fight out once in three Years, and then run away for want of Powder and Shot.

There we saw Partition Treaties damn'd, and the whole given away; Confederates without Allies, Allies without Quotas, Princes without Armies, Armies without Men, and Men without Money, Crowns without Kings, Kings without Subjects, more Kings than Countries, and more Countries than were worth fighting for: here we could see the King of France upbraid his Neighbours with dishonourably assisting his Rebels, (tho' the Mischief

was, they did it not neither) and in the same Breath assisting the *Hungarian* Rebels against the Emperor. *M. Ld. N.* refusing so dishonourable an Action as to aid the rebellious *Camisars*, but Leagu- ing with the Admirant de *Castile*, to invade the Dominions of his Master, to whom he swore Allegiance. Here we saw Protestants fight against Protestants to help *Papists*, *Papists* against *Papists* to help *Protestants*, Protestants call in *Turks* to keep Faith against Christians, that break it: Here we could see *Suedes* fighting for Revenge, and call it Religion; *Cardinals* deposing their Catholick Prince to introduce the Tyranny of a *Lutherian*, and call it Liberty. Armies electing Kings, and call it Free Choice; *French* conquering *Savoy*, to secure the Liberty of *Italy*.

The Map of State Policy contains abundance of Civil Transactions nowhere to be discovered, but in this wonderful Country, and by this prodigious Invention. As first, it shows an Eminent Prelate running in every body's Debt to relieve the Poor, and bring to God Robbery for Burnt Offerings; It opens a Door to the Fate of Nations, for there we might see the Duke of *Savoy* bought three times, and his Subjects sold every time; *Portugal* bought twice, and neither time worth the Earnest; *Spain* bought once, but loath to go with the Bidder; *Venice* willing to be bought, if there had been any Buyers; *Bavaria* bought, and run away with the Money; the Emperor Bought and Sold, but Bilked the Chapman; the *French* buying Kingdoms he can't keep; and the *Dutch* keep Kingdoms they never Bought; and the *English* paying their Money without Purchase.

In Matters of civil Concerns, here was to be seen Religion with no outside, and much outside with no Religion; Strife about

about Peace, and no Peace in the Design: Here was Plunder without Violence, Violence without Persecution, Conscience without good Works, and good Works without Charity; Parties cutting one anothers Throats for God's Sake, and pulling down Churches to promote the Faith, and make Division by way of Association.

Here we have Peace and Union brought to pass the shortest way, Extirpation and Destruction prov'd to be the Road of Plenty and Pleasure. Here all the Wise Nations a Learned Author would have Quoted, if he could have found them, are to be seen, who carry on Exclusive Laws to the general safety and satisfaction of their Subjects.

Here you might have the Rise, Original, Lawfulness, Usefulness and Necessity of *Passive Obedience*, as fairly represented as a System of Divinity, and as clearly demonstrated as by a Geographical Description; and which exceeds ones mean understanding here, 'tis by the wonderful assistance of those Glasses plainly Discern'd to be coherent with *Resistance taking Arms, calling in Foreign Powers, and the like*—Here you have a plain discovery of C: of E's Politicks and a Map of Loyalty; Here 'tis as plainly Demonstrated as the Nose of a Man's Face, provided he has one, that a Man may Abdicate, drive away and Dethrone his Prince, and yet be absolutely and intirely free from, and innocent of the least Fracture, Breach, Incroachment, or Intrenchment upon the Doctrine of *Non-Resistance*; can shoot at his Prince without any Design to Kill him; Fight against him without raising Rebellion, and take up Arms without levying War against his Prince.

Here they can persecute Dissenters without desiring they should Conform to the Church they would overthrow; Pray for the Prince they dare not Name, and Name the Prince they dare not Pray for.

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 Here it would be Plain, and Rational, (by the help of those Glasses above mention'd) why a Parliament Man will spend 5000 l. to be Chosen, that cannot get a Groat Honestly by Sitting there: It would be easily made out to be Rational, why he that rails most at a Court, is soonest received into it: Here it would be very plain, how great Estates are got in little Places, and Double in name at all. 'Tis easie to be prov'd Honest and Faithful to Victual the *French* Fleet out of *English* Stores, and let our own Navy want them; a long Sight, or a large *Lunar Perspective*, will make all these things not only plain in Fact, but Rational and Justifiable to all the World.

Here D—— might understand how he came to be able to Banter all Mankind, and yet at the same time, all Mankind be able to Banter him; at the same time our numerous Throng of *Parnassians* may see Reasons for the variety of the Negative and Positive Blessings they enjoy, viz. some for having Wit and no Verse, some Verse and no Wit, some Mirth without Jest, and some Jest without Forecast, some Rhime and no Jingle, some all Jingle and no Rhime, some Language without Measure, some all Quantity and no Cadence, some all Wit and no Sense, some all Sense and no Flame, some Preach in Rhime, some Sing when they Preach, some all Song and no Tune, some all Tune and no Song. Here is to be seen, why some are all Nature, some all Art, some beat Verse out of the 24 rough Letters, with ten Hammers and Anvils to every Line, and maul the Language as a *Swede* beats Stock-Fish; others huff Nature and Bully her out of whole Stanza's, of ready made Lines at a time, carry all before 'em, and rumble like distant Thunder in a black Cloud.

There are abundance of other Secrets in Nature.

Nature, discovered in-relation to these things too many to Repeat, and yet too useful to omit, as the reason why *Physicians* are generally Atheists, and why Atheists are universally Fools, and generally live to know it themselves: The real Obstructions which prevents Fools from being Mad, the Natural causes of Love, with the Demonstrations of Love and Lechery, and why nothing will cure the former, but an *English* Halter, and nothing the latter but Hunger and a Whipping-Post.

It would be endless to reckon up the numerous Improvements and wonderful Discoveries in this extraordinary *World in the Moon*, especially in a certain Chamber of Rarities, among which were Bundled up, these following *Queries*, viz.

I. Why Prince *Ragotsky* will make no Peace with the *Emperor*; but more particularly, why the *Emperor* won't make Peace with him?

II. Where the Policy of the King of *Sweden* lies, to pursue the King of *Poland*, and let the *Muscovites* Ravage and Destroy his own Subjects?

III. Why the Confederates and Protestant Powers never relieved the *Camisars*?

IV. Why there are no Cowards found in the *English* Service but among their Sea Captains?

V. Why the King of *Portugal* did not take *Madrid*, and why the *English* did not take *Cadiz*, and why the *Spaniards* did not take *Gibraltar*. viz. because the first were Fools, the second K---ves, and the last *Spaniards*?

VI. Were there any Silver in the Plate Fleet taken at *Vigo*, or if any taken, what became of it?

VII. Who will be the next King of *Scotland*?

VIII. If *England* should ever want a King, who would think it worth the while to Accept of it?

IX. What Difference can be produced between a Knave, a Coward, or a Traitor?

X. Whether it was not a high Flight of *German Policy*, in pretending they were trickt out of *Italy*, when they could stay there no longer?

*Abundance more than what I tell ye,
Has in the Lunar World besel me,
Strange Handshaps the under went,
For telling Truth with good Intent:
Sharp Fines, the Goal, and Wooden Ruff,
Yet some Swore 'twas not half enough:
Which in my second Voiage I'll show ye,
That Wise Men may the better know me.*

There is now in the Press and will speedily be Published, a Letter from the Man in the Moon, to the Author of The true Born English-Man; containing variety of Diverting News, and Comical Intreagues relating to the present Posture of Affairs in Europe.

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